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## Nonimmigrant Visa Administrative Processing Status Check

In a continuing effort to provide better service to its customers, the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section is embarking on a new initiative for Non-immigrant Visa applicants whose applications are pending "Administrative Processing;" this service offers our customers real time online status updates, eliminating the need to call the Visa Section.

The "Administrative Processing Status Check" can be found on the U.S. Embassy website, as a menu option within the "Non-immigrant Visas" section.

http://trinidad.usembassy.gov/non-immigrant\_visas1/administrative-processing-status-check.html

Using this tool, applicants can view the status of their case using their passport number. The status of an application is either "Pending" or "Complete". Applicants whose status is "Complete" should return their passports to the Embassy as per instructions received at the time of their initial interview.

This database will be updated each time a case changes status. As the database will thus reflect the most up-to-date information available about a given application, it will eliminate the need for applicants to call the Embassy to check on the status of their case. Applicants who call with questions about the status of their case undergoing "Administrative Processing" will be referred to the website.

This is the beginning of the online Visa Status Check web tool, currently under development, that will allow all nonimmigrant and immigrant visa applicants with pending cases to view the status of their cases online.